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ENCODING MODE DECIDING APPARATUS,  
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MODE DECIDING METHOD, AND ENCODING  
MODE DECIDING PROGRAM  
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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